President: I think it is due to this honourable House that I should mention that I have received a number of questions specifically relating to particular individuals who have either actually applied for or are supposed to have applied for certain posts under Government. For instance, one question asks for the names of the non-official gentlemen who have applied for certain posts under Government. I have been obliged to disallow those questions, not out of any want of courtesy to the honourable members of this House or out of any desire to restrict the rights of this House which I am jealous to preserve, but for the reason that these questions are sure to cause embarrassment to the parties concerned, inasmuch as no person, who has applied for an appointment and has for the time being not succeeded in getting it, would like to have his name discussed on the floor of this House. Very often, it goes very much against him in his future career. For that reason, and also because it is not in public interests that these questions and answers are made on the floor of this House, I have been obliged to disallow them.

There are also certain other questions regarding the claims of certain individuals, mentioned by name, to certain offices. I have been obliged to disallow those questions also. I may say that it is in the highest degree likely that gentlemen, who recommended themselves to the notice of the Government either on the floor of this House or otherwise, may find even their just and legitimate claims overlooked for the very reason that they have utilised such means. Therefore, in the interests of all officers concerned, and in the interests of general administration, I have felt obliged to disallow such questions. I trust that the convention which I am seeking to establish will be accepted in the spirit in which am trying to enforce it upon the honourable members of this House with whom I am anxious to work in the fullest possible co-operation.

NOTICE OF THE MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT.

I have received from Mr. Arumukham Pillai notice of a motion for adjournment. Under Rule 22 I shall read the statement:

> "I beg to move for an adjournment of the business of this Council for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, *viz.*, the grievances of the landholders in Nanjinad arising out of the recent order of the Government denying full remission of land tax including water cess in respect of lands left fallow during the Kanni crop of 1111."

Under that Rule I am to ask if any objection is taken on the motion.

Mr. K. George: I object to that motion.

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President: As objection has been taken I ask those who are for leave being granted to move the motion to rise in their places.

As more than eight members have risen in their places, I allow the motion and I fix Wednesday, 3-30 P. M. for the discussion of this motion.

MOTION FOR OFFERING BIRTHDAY GREETINGS AND EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA FOR ALLOWING TEMPLE ENTRY TO ALL CLASSES OF HINDUS.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: Sir, I thank you very much for having kindly accorded me permission to table this motion. To tell you frankly, Sir, I consider myself very fortunate in that the privilege of moving the motion expressing the sentiments of loyalty and gratefulness to our beloved Maharaja, on this historic occasion, has fallen to my lot. I say fortunate for nothing can give greater happiness to a loyal representative of the people than giving expression to their true sentiments for a Sovereign who lives for the people and whose sole aim is to promote the happiness and contentment of the five million people entrusted to his care by Providence.

His most Gracious Highness has completed his twenty-fourth birthday just a couple of weeks ago and is now in the fifth year of his august reign. With your intimate knowledge of the Rulers of almost all the Native States from Peshawar to Cape Comorin, I am sure, Sir, you would not have come across one who in so young an age and so short a period of his reign has done so much for his people. History does not record the name of any King in India who has, during the last thousand years, done an act equal to the recent Royal Proclamation, to unify Hindu India. His Highness has by this act not only made the five million people whom Providence has entrusted to his care happier and prouder but has also laid the whole of India under a deep debt of gratitude to him. To be brief, His Highness has provided a solution to a problem which the greatest man now living is dying for. In short, Sir, if I may borrow an expression from what you said the other day, 'His Highness has ranged himself by the side of the great helpers of humanity who have raised the selfrespect and elevated the status of the masses of this country.

Is it therefore, any matter for wonderment, Sir, that the wires have been daily flashing news to us of the several meetings held in various places throughout the length and breadth of this vast continent where leaders of thought and opinion have been

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